

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing information to a user through an Object-Action

Navigation paradigm comprising the steps of:

5 displaying a Context Pane having one or more selectable objects of
interest to a user;

displaying one or more selectable actions associated with an object and
responsive to user selection of an associated object;

10 executing an action script in response to user selection of a selectable
action, said action script generating a set of results; and
displaying to said user said action script results in a Content Pane, said
Content Pane containing an aggregation of semi-independent information or
transactional modules.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of executing an action script

15 comprises performing a search for information related to said selected object.

3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of executing an action script
comprises retrieving data or information from a database.

4. The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of executing an action script
comprises the step of retrieving current data or information from a datafeed.

20 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying said results in a
content pane further comprises filtering and sorting said results prior to
display.

6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying said results in a content pane comprises organizing said content pane into a plurality of selectable workspaces.

7. A computer readable medium encode with software for providing information to a user through an Object-Action Navigation paradigm, said software causing a user computer to perform the steps of:

display a context pane having one or more selectable objects of interest to a user;

display one or more selectable actions associated with an object and responsive to user selection of an associated object;

execute an action script in response to user selection of a selectable action, said action script generating a set of results; and

display to said user said action script results in a Content Pane, said Content Pane containing an aggregation of semi-independent information or transactional modules.

8. The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for executing an action script comprises software for performing a search for information related to said selected object.

9. The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for executing an action script comprises software for retrieving data or information from a database.

10. The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for

executing an action script comprises software for retrieving current data or information from a datafeed.

11. The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for displaying said results in a content pane further comprises software for filtering and sorting said results prior to display.

12. The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for displaying said results in a content pane comprises software for organizing said content pane into a plurality of selectable workspaces.

13. A system for managing information through an Object-Action Navigation user interface, said system comprising:

10 a user profile indicating a user's objects of interest, sources of information for said objects of interest, and a preferred display layout arrangement;

one or more server-executable action modules for retrieving and processing information from said sources of information; and

15 a server system which is adapted to receive user-selected web page links, execute associated action modules, format action module results and output into a new web page according to said user profile, and transmit said new web page to a web browser.

20 14. The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising:

a user entitlement indicating one or more action modules to which a user is entitled to use and apply to said objects of interest;

an action module restrictor for disabling and prohibiting execution
of any action modules by a user who is not entitled to use said action modules.

15. The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said web page comprises:

a context pane containing one or more user selectable objects of
5 interest associated with links; and
a content pane containing said formatted action module results and
output, said Content Pane containing an aggregation of semi-independent
information or transactional modules.

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